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ANNUAL REPORTS
OF THE
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
ASSESSORS, OVERSEERS OF POOR,
TREASURER,
SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS,
Treasurer of School and Ministerial Funds,
AND
ROAD COMMISSIONER,
OF THE
TOWN OF LIVERMORE,
FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 13, 1902.

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TOWN OFFICERS,

FOR THE YEAR 1901.

MODERATOR.

A. G. TIMBERLAKE.

CLERK.

W. N. BENNETT.

SELECTMEN, ASSESSORS, AND OVERSEERS OF POOR.

D. R. BRIGGS,

A. G. TIMBERLAKE,

C. P. SANDERS.

TREASURER.

R. B. BRADFORD.

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

IRA T. MONROE.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

A. G. TIMBERLAKE,

D. D. LORD,

S. H. BECKLER.

ROAD COMMISSIONER.

C. R. BABB.

COLLECTOR AND CONSTABLE.

FRANK H. BOOTHBY.

REPORT OF SELECTMEN AND OVERSEERS OF POOR.

Valuation of Property in Town, April 1, 1901.

Real estate—resident,	\$258,785 00
Real estate—non-resident,	90,400 00
Personal estate—resident,	54,980 00
Personal estate—non-resident,	8,790 00
Total real and personal estate,	—————\$412,955 00

Personal estate consists of the following items:

349 Horses, value	\$13,136 00
6 Two-year-old colts, value	240 00
10 Year-old colts, value	277 00
796 Cows, value	16,705 00
12 Oxen, value	745 00
300 Three-year-olds, value	5,713 00
298 Two-year-olds, value	4,371 00
325 One-year-olds, value	2,428 00
320 Sheep, value	814 00
192 Swine, value	1,193 00
Bank stock, value	2,450 00
Other stock, value	330 00
Money at interest,	650 00
Stock in trade,	2,975 00
Logs and lumber,	7,250 00
Wood and bark,	50 00
Bicycles,	367 00
Carriages,	1,635 00
Musical instruments,	1,191 00
Finished product in mills,	1,000 00
Machinery,	250 00
	————— \$63,770 00

Amount of assessments for 1901:

State tax,	\$1,251 56	
County tax,	633 78	
Town charges,	1,500 00	
Roads and bridges,	1,100 00	
Roads in winter,	1,600 00	
Debt and interest,	1,208 00	
Common schools,	1,100 00	
High schools,	150 00	
School books,	85 00	
School-house repairs,	75 00	
Memorial Day, Wilson Post,	15 00	
Overlay of taxes,	405 23	
	<hr/>	\$9,123 57
Amount assessed on real and personal estates,	\$8,465 57	
Amount assessed on 329 polls,	658 00	
	<hr/>	\$9,123 57

Number of polls exempt, 21.

Rate of taxation, .0205.

The above amount was assessed on the polls and estates in town, and committed to Frank H. Boothby, collector, on the twenty-second day of April, 1901, with a warrant for collecting and paying the same to the Town Treasurer, one-half part on or before November 1, 1901, and the remainder on or before February 1, 1902. This he has done with the exception of \$150.00.

MUNICIPAL ORDERS DRAWN FOR THE YEAR
ENDING FEBRUARY 13, 1902.

Common schools,	\$2,091 00
Free high schools,	255 50
Books,	79 83
Repairs,	44 31
Paupers off farm,	149 83
Town farm expenditures,	755 76
Road repairs,	1,069 16

Snow bills,	\$1,913 16	
Abatements,	22 15	
Hired money,	500 00	
Miscellaneous orders,	918 99	
	<hr/>	\$7,799 69

TOWN FARM.

The town farm has been under the management of George W. Chase and wife for the past year. They have had the care of three inmates for the whole years, viz., G. W. Richards, Polly Andrews, and Willis Taylor. Their year's work has been entirely to our satisfaction.

TOWN FARM EXPENSES FOR 1901.

Superintendent's salary,	\$250 00	
Paid W. F. Fuller,	137 50	
George Chandler,	200 45	
W. A. Stuart & Co.,	35 83	
H. L. Coolidge,	5 20	
For horse,	85 00	
For stove,	34 00	
For phosphate,	7 65	
For lumber, windows, and shingles,	80 06	
For labor,	32 50	
For pigs,	20 50	
For repairs, etc.,	8 60	
Barrels,	1 80	
Blacksmithing,	4 65	
Hardware, blacksmithing, etc. (1900),	12 12	
	<hr/>	\$915 86

TOWN FARM CREDITS.

Butter sold,	\$252 70
Pork sold,	77 95
Calves sold,	30 36
Sweet corn sold,	30 28

Apples sold,	\$24 50	
Lumber sold,	7 42	
Poultry sold,	3 12	
	<hr/>	\$426 33

Value of personal property on hand February 9, 1901, as per last report, \$501.00

Schedule of personal property on hand February 10,

1902:

Horse,	\$85 00	
Cows,	275 00	
Heifer,	10 00	
Swine,	15 00	
Poultry,	15 00	
Hay,	120 00	
Potatoes,	10 00	
Pork,	12 00	
Groceries,	8 50	
Butter and lard,	3 00	
Apples,	7 50	
Oats,	24 75	
Grain on hand,	4 65	
Phosphate on hand,	2 50	
Canned fruit, etc.,	2 50	
Lumber and shingles on hand,	8 00	
Barrels on hand,	1 75	
	<hr/>	\$605 15

Increase of personal property Feb. 10, 1902, \$104.15, which, taken from expense of farm above receipts, makes the cost of running the farm, viz.:

Town farm expenses,	\$915 86	
Town farm credits,	426 33	
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Expense of farm above receipts,		\$489 53
Increase of personal property,		104 15
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Cost of running farm,		\$385 38

The expenses on farm have been extraordinarily heavy this year, owing to purchase of stove (\$34.00), material for barn repairs (\$80.06), increased hardware bill (\$35.83), and old bills left over from last year (\$12.12). The barn is now in good repair as well as convenient. Of the labor bill for this year only \$9.50 was for work on barn. The balance of bill was for teams to plow and to yard pine. At date we have ten thousand (estimated) of pine cut and partly hauled to mill, which has been contracted at \$13.50 per thousand.

SUPPORT OF POOR OFF FARM.

R. L. Andrews,	\$91 00	
Nathan Bartlett,	7 50	
Dorcas Hatch, Wilton,	7 00	
Maynard Ware, Pittston,	44 33	
	<hr/>	\$149 83
Received from Pittston,	\$44 33	
Due from Wilton,	7 00	
	<hr/>	\$51 33
Expense of poor off farm,	\$98 50	
Expense of poor on farm,	385 38	
Total expense of poor,	<hr/>	\$483 88

HILLMAN'S FERRY.

Paid ferryman,	\$50 00	
For rope, paint, etc.,	34 73	
For repairs on boat,	7 57	
For chain,	2 49	
	<hr/>	\$94 79
Received from East Livermore,	\$38 95	
Received for old rope,	2 06	
	<hr/>	\$41 01
Cost of ferry to Livermore,		\$53 78
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COMMON SCHOOLS.

Appropriation, 1901,	\$1,100 00
State school fund,	764 29

Town school fund,	\$64 42	
Balance from 1900,	522 09	
	<u> </u>	\$2,450 80

EXPENDED UP TO DATE.

For teaching,	\$1,156 50	
Tuition paid East Livermore,	222 33	
Wood,	60 65	
Conveyance,	628 52	
Janitors,	23 00	
	<u> </u>	\$2,091 00
Unexpended,		\$359 80

FREE HIGH SCHOOL.

Raised by vote of town,	\$150 00	
Received from State,	127 50	
Balance from 1900,	108 70	
	<u> </u>	\$386 20

EXPENDED UP TO DATE.

For teaching,	\$240 00	
Janitors,	5 50	
Rent,	10 00	
	<u> </u>	\$255 50
Unexpended,		\$130 70

REPAIRS AND SUPPLIES.

Appropriation,	\$75 00	
Expended up to date,	44 31	
	<u> </u>	\$30 69

SCHOOL BOOKS.

Appropriation,	\$85 00	
Expended up to date,	79 83	
	<u> </u>	\$5 17
Unexpended,		

HEARSE.

The hearse has been in the care of L. J. Doten
for the past season, who has attended 12
calls at \$2.50, \$30 00

LIST OF ABATEMENTS.

Robert Burns, left town,	\$2 00
J. H. Cotton, paid in Mechanic Falls,	2 00
H. E. Cook, left town,	2 00
W. M. Green, sickness,	2 00
Samuel Hobbs, blind and poor,	6 15
Charles H. Poland, paid in Canton,	2 00
Fred Stevens, left town,	2 00
George Willett, left town,	2 00
E. E. Adkins, 1900, paid in Canton,	2 00
	\$22 15

MISCELLANEOUS ORDERS.

Town officers' bills, 1900,	\$496 00
Trustees of M. and S. Fund,	5 25
Printing town reports,	18 50
Burial of James E. Fogg,	35 00
Wilson Post, G. A. R.,	15 00
Interest on one-half Sara Holman bequest,	6 20
State assessors meeting,	5 00
F. H. Boothby, collector, bal. com. 1900,	2 02
F. H. Boothby, collector, com. 1901,	107 68
Watering tubs,	12 00
F. H. Boothby, looking after dogs,	2 00
Postage, stationery and express,	8 78
Use of vestry for town meetings,	30 00
Board of Health—I. T. Monroe,	7 52
Looking after paupers out of town,	17 00
Books for town,	7 00
Bridge lights,	9 00
Birth and death certificates,	8 25
Legal advice,	2 00
	\$794 20

TOWN OFFICERS' BILLS, 1901.

D. R. Briggs, selectman, etc.,	\$65 00	
A. G. Timberlake, selectman, etc.,	49 50	
C. P. Sanders, selectman, etc.,	52 75	
R. B. Bradford, treasurer,	30 00	
W. N. Bennett, clerk,	19 10	
I. T. Monroe, superintendent of schools,	70 00	
R. A. Ryerson, treasurer of M. & S. Fund,	9 00	
C. R. Babb, road commissioner,	225 00	
	<hr/>	\$520 35

LIABILITIES, FEBRUARY 13, 1902.

Town officers' bills, 1901,	\$520 35	
Salary of superintendent of farm,	250 00	
Due common schools,	359 80	
Due free high schools,	130 70	
Sara Holman bequest,	310 00	
Unpaid interest on same,	24 80	
Annual interest uncalled for,	48 00	
Interest bearing debt,	4,200 00	
Outstanding town order,	6 00	
	<hr/>	\$5,849 65

RESOURCES FEBRUARY 13, 1902.

Uncollected taxes,	\$150 00	
Cash in treasury,	1,911 28	
Due from Wilton,	7 00	
	<hr/>	\$2,068 28

Liabilities over resources, \$3,781 37

We further report that we examined the Treasurer's accounts February 13, 1902, and found them correct.

Respectfully submitted,

D. R. BRIGGS,
A. G. TIMBERLAKE,
C. P. SANDERS,

Selectmen, Assessors, and Overseers of Poor.

ROAD COMMISSIONER'S REPORT.

Paid for lumber for bridge,	\$44 20	
For dynamite tile, etc.,	40 42	
Repairs on road machine,	16 45	
Cutting bushes,	200 00	
Other repairs with road machine and teams,	768 09	
	<hr/>	\$1,069 16
Appropriation,		1,100 00
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Unexpended,		\$30 84
Expended on roads in winter,	\$1,913 16	
Appropriation,	1,600 00	
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Overdrawn,		\$313 16

Respectfully submitted,

C. R. BABB, *Road Commissioner.*

TREASURER'S REPORT.

R. B. BRADFORD, *Treasurer,*
In account with the Town of Livermore.

	DR.
To balance brought forward,	\$1,756 30
Auction license of I. T. Monroe,	2 00
From State burial of soldiers,	70 00
Town school fund,	64 42
Hired money,	500 00
Pedler's license of Walter Philoon,	6 00
Personal property of Delia Stevens,	5 05
From State free high school,	127 50
Pedler's license of A. W. Manter,	6 00
Inn-holder's license, A. T. Bryant,	1 00
Sale of old ferry rope,	2 06
From Pittston, support of pauper,	44 33
Veal from town farm,	30 36
Butter from town farm,	252 70
Pork from town farm,	75 95
Sweet corn from town farm,	30 28
Apples from town farm,	24 50
Pig and poultry from town farm,	5 12
Plank from town farm,	7 42
Telegraph and railroad tax,	1 50
East Livermore's expense of ferry,	38 95
Refund of dog licenses,	68 54
State school fund,	764 29
State pensions,	144 00
Assessment of 1901,	9,123 57
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	\$13,151 85

	CR.
By paid county tax,	\$633 78
State tax,	1,251 56
State pensions,	144 00
Free high school,	255 75
Common schools,	2,102 11
Municipal orders,	5,435 83
Interest on orders,	267 54
Principal of bridge debt,	1,000 00
Due on tax bills of 1901, non-resident,	150 00
Cash in treasury,	1,911 28
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	\$13,151 85

DOG LICENSES OF 1901.

		DR.
To cash:		
75 Males,	\$75 00	
2 Females,	6 00	
	<hr/>	\$81 00
By paid State Treasurer,		CR. \$81 00

R. B. BRADFORD,
Treasurer of Livermore.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE MINISTERIAL AND SCHOOL FUNDS.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

D. R. Briggs, W. H. Thompson, C. L. Day, R. B. Bradford, C. P. Sanders, C. R. Leach, R. A. Ryerson.

C. P. Sanders, Secretary.

The principal of the School Fund is deposited in the Androscoggin and People's Savings Banks of Lewiston. I have paid the regular dividend to May last to the Town Treasurer.

The principal of the Ministerial Fund is deposited in the Auburn and Mechanics' Savings Banks of Auburn. The apportionment of the selectmen, as reported one year ago, I have paid to the several religious societies as called for. The amounts now due, under the apportionment for 1901, are as follows:

Methodist,	\$19 22
First Universalist,	13 66
Second Universalist,	19 45
Baptist,	13 66
Advent,	5 79
Spiritualist,	92
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	\$72 70

R. A. RYERSON,

Treasurer Ministerial and School Funds.

February 13, 1902.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

The amount of money, exclusive of the appropriations for Free High School, books, and repairs, at my disposal for the care and maintenance of common schools for the past year was made up by the following items:

Balance from 1900,	\$345 79
Amount raised, 1901,	1,100 00
State Fund, 1901,	764 29
Town Fund, 1901,	64 42
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	\$2,274 50

And the expenditure in each department is as follows:

Teaching,	\$1,258 83
Conveyance,	658 36
Wood,	58 90
Janitor,	26 25
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\$2,002 34

Unexpended, \$272 16

REPAIRS.

Amount raised by town,	\$75 00
Expenses for repairs, etc.:	
Repairs,	\$25 13
Supplies,	3 08
Cleaning, etc.,	7 25
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\$35 46

Unexpended, \$39 54

BOOKS.

Amount raised by town,	\$85 00
Amount expended up to date,	79 83
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Unexpended, \$5 17

I have approved bills which amount to the above figures, although the selectmen's books show that several have not been presented to them for payment.

SCHOOL STATISTICS—Spring Term.

APRIL 29—JULY 3, 1901 (10 weeks).

	No. of school.	Whole attendance.	Average attendance.	Wages per week.	Amount of wages.	Cost of conveyance.	Visits of citizens.	No. not absent.	
									<i>Marked improvement in these studies.</i>
Sue L. Gordon . . .	2	27	24	\$8.00	\$80.00	\$51.50	30	11	Math., * Comp., * Map-Drawing, Hist., Lit., Geog.
Minnie W. Jones . .	5	32	28	6.50	65.00	50.00	21	5	Math., Geog., Map-Drawing, * Chart-Reading.**
Grace M. Thompson.	8	26	24	7.00	70.00	50.66	38	10	Math., Read., * Geog., Gram.* . . .
Alice L. Leach . . .	9	24	23	6.25	62.50	68.00	15	9	Geog., * <i>Phys. Geog.</i> , * Math., Map-Drawing.
Ella B. Russell . . .	16	9	8	5.00	50.00	20.00	12	4	Read., Geog., Math., Map-Drawing.** .
Livermore Falls . . .	19	15			58.00				12 weeks.

* Remarkable.

Autumn Term.

SEPTEMBER 2-NOVEMBER 8, 1901 (10 weeks).

Sue. L. Gordon . .	2	28	26	\$8.00	\$80.00	\$47.00	14	11	Read., His., * Geog., Writ., * Map-Dr'g, * Lit., * Astron.
Minnie W. Jones . .	5	30	27	6.50	65.00	50.00	4	7	Math., Chart-Read., ** Hist., Geog., * Gram., Wrt'g.
Grace M. Thompson.	8	19	16	4.50	45.00	68.91	8	7	Read., * Writing, Geog., * Gram.*
Alice L. Leach . .	9	21	18	6.25	62.50	43.00	9	3	Gram., * Geog., * Math., Read., <i>Phys. Geog.</i>
Lill. S. Bemis . .	16	5	4	5.50	55.00	20.00		1	Reading, * Literature, * Mathematics
Livermore Falls . .		39	31		125.00				12 weeks.

*Remarkable.

Winter Term.

NOVEMBER 25, 1901-FEBRUARY 7, 1902 (11 weeks).

Sue. L. Gordon . .	2	35	28	\$8.00	\$88.00	\$58.90	16	1	Map-Dr'g, * Comp., * Hist., Read., Math., * Physiol.**
Minnie W. Jones . .	5	18	15	6.50	71.50				Gram., * Read., * Writing, * Math., Geog.*
Oscar C. Casey . .	6	12	10	4.50	49.50			2	Read., * Math., * Writing, Gram. . . .
Grace M. Thompson.	8	30	25	7.00	77.00	95.59	21	4	Gram., * Geog., Read., * Math., * <i>Phys. Geog.</i> *
Chester A. True . .	9	24	15	6.00	66.00	34.80		3	Math., * Geog., <i>Phys. Geog.</i> , * Gram. . . .
Sadie M. Buzzell . .	16	7	4	4.50	49.50			7	3 Read., Hist., * Phys., * Writing, * Map-Dr'g, * Comp.
Livermore Falls . .		18	17		39.33				7 weeks.

*Remarkable.

The longest school year in the history of the town has drawn to a close, and the work accomplished, with very few exceptions, has been entirely satisfactory.

How different in privileges the schools of to-day are, from those of the past century, the following historical facts will signify.

In 1803 the amount raised by taxation for schools in Livermore, which at that time included the town of East Livermore, was \$372.80.

In 1812 the total amount of orders drawn in the interest of schools, was \$497.72.

In 1825 the population of the town was 2,400, and the number of scholars between the ages of four and twenty-one, 966, which is 42 per cent. of the entire population, and the amount of money expended for schooling was \$871.31.

In 1901 the inhabitants of this town numbered 1,125, and the scholars 285, which is 25 per cent. of the population, while the amount expended for actual schooling was \$2,263.84.

Thus, as the scholars *diminish* in numbers, so do their privileges *increase*, while the money expended in teaching not only keeps pace, but increases eight-fold, and enables the scholars to acquire a better education at the age of fifteen, than could be obtained fifty years ago at the age of twenty.

We are Americans and we are living fast. To keep in touch with the times, we must specially prepare ourselves for our chosen occupation, and if parents would see to it that their children study along the life-lines of their future, and instead of learning a little of everything and nothing thoroughly, qualify themselves for their chosen profession, much of wasted time and effort would be saved. I have seen a teacher spend a half-hour trying to convince an honest farmer boy that his solar weight was twenty-five times his mundane avoirdupois.

When a young man seeks for a position in any business, he secures it, not because he knows who J. Caesar was, but because of his special qualifications.

Prominent men throughout this country, and among them is Hon. John D. Long, one of the nation's councillors, claim that there are too many fads in our schools; that the present system is not superior to the old; that red tape has blinded us until we believe all that glitters is gold. And, after all, twice two *is* four, and twice two *are* four. B-oo-t spells boot, and so does b. o. o. t.

No moss will gather on us if we move in the right direction. I would say to the teachers of Livermore, don't spend too much time on the so-called "New methods," but rather give persistent, sledge-hammer blows on the fundamental principles of a common school education.

I notice that practical problems presented to the scholars are apt to confound them, and would advise the teaching of familiar, everyday matters not found in text-books. Too much time is spent on useless puzzles found inside the book covers. However, this is more the fault of the author than the teacher.

Don't teach the children faster than they can learn. I have no doubt that some teachers are familiar with those people who insist upon running the school, and I realize your delicate position. Let duty to your profession and the right direct your course, rather than policy toward any clique or faction.

There is no branch of school management in the town of Livermore that requires so much thought and attention on the part of the superintendent as that of the conveyance of scholars.

It is a question that permits of argument whether the advantages of a large school with increased interest are not counterbalanced by the inconvenience to both parents and pupils arising from long conveyance.

School No. 2 includes former districts numbered 1, 3, and 15. Schools No. 5 and No. 6 were united during the spring and fall terms. School No. 8 comprises former districts numbered 4, 7, 10, and the Union. School No. 9 is united with former districts numbered 13, 14, and part of 11.

The school registers, not all being kept in the same manner, made it impossible for me to name those scholars not absent during any term.

I find that by some mysterious agency some books of the higher grade disappear and all trace of them is lost. I have been vigilant in this matter, sometimes tracing books to other towns and causing their return.

Parents ought to impress upon their children the necessity of taking proper care of their school books. Occasionally I observe this prudence manifested by covering the book, and it invariably indicates economy and thrift in the family.

FREE HIGH SCHOOL.

Feb. 18—April 24, 1901. (10 weeks.)

The spring term held at Brettun's Mills, was taught by Harry A. Blake of Bates College and every effort was rewarded with gratifying success. The studies for the term were mathematics, book-keeping, composition, geography, grammar, history, astronomy, physiology, geometry, physics, physical geography, Latin, Greek, and music.

Number of scholars, 32. Average attendance, 23.

September 2—November 8, 1901. (10 weeks.)

The fall term at North Livermore was taught by J. A. Hunnewell of Bates College, and the work accomplished proved that he was master of the situation. Not alone from my observation, but by the testimony of the pupils, both of these terms proved the advisability of continuing this institution and giving the scholars of Livermore a chance to fit themselves for some profession.

The studies of this school were identical with those of the previous term.

Number of scholars, 23. Average attendance, 20.

I. T. MONROE, *Superintendent.*

February 13, 1902.